

Town of Lamoine

ORDINANCE REGARDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, TERMS OF OFFICE, AND ASSUMPTION OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

Originally Enacted May 5, 1995

Amended March 6, 2002

Amended November 2, 2004

Proposed Amendments to Town Meeting – April 8, 2009

Be it ordered that upon approval by a referendum vote at a properly held Town Meeting of the voters of Lamoine that:

1. Elected Positions

The following positions in Lamoine Town Government are to be elected by popular, secret ballot vote:

Selectman & Overseer of the Poor (3 year term, 5 positions, staggered terms. Beginning at the Annual Town Meeting in March 2005, Selectmen & Overseer of the Poor positions shall be elected to stagger the terms as follows – One (1) to a 1-year term, One (1) to a 2-year term, and One (1) to a 3-year term, with the terms to stagger at the subsequent annual town meetings)

~~School Committee Member (3 year term, 5 positions, staggered terms)~~

***Regional School Unit Board Member (3 year term, one position,
retroactive to February 12, 2009)***

Assessor (3 year term, 3 positions, staggered terms)

2. Assumption of Office

Beginning with the annual town meeting in 1996, successful Selectman ~~and School Committee members~~ shall assume office at the first regular meeting of the respective board following the annual election. The terms of the assessors shall begin and end with the fiscal year (July 1, to June 30). ***The term of the Regional School Unit (RSU) Director(s) shall begin, initially on February 12, 2009, and continue until the end of said term on June 30th of the year of expiration. Following the initial election, the RSU Director shall assume office on the next July 1st following the election.***

For the purposes of continuity of operations, those duly elected and sworn School Committee members of the Lamoine School Committee in office at the time of the annual town meeting in April, 2009 shall continue in their offices until June 30, 2009, whereupon the formal Lamoine School Committee shall be dissolved due to the formation and membership in the RSU.

Before assuming a seat on the Board of Selectmen, ***Board of Assessors*** or the ***Regional School Unit*** ~~School Committee~~, the successful candidate must be administered the oath of office by the Town Clerk or ~~Deputy Town Clerk~~ ***a qualified designee.***

Until such time as the successful candidate is administered the oath of office, the office shall continue to be filled by the previous office holder, but in no case shall a previous office holder who was not re-elected retain that office beyond June 30 following the annual municipal election.

If for any reason the successful candidate is not administered the oath of office by June 30 following the municipal election, a vacancy in the office shall be declared. Any school committee vacancy so declared shall be filled as provided in 20-A M.R.S.A. § 2305 (4). Selectmen shall hold a special town meeting to fill any other vacancies so declared.

3. Salaries

The annual salaries of elected town officials shall be paid according to town policy. For those three year terms which do not run the full three years due to the adjustments created in this ordinance, the office holder serving that term which ends prematurely shall continue to be paid as if the full three years is served.

4. Disputed Elections

In the event that the outcome of an election is disputed, a recount is properly requested, or a tie is declared, the previous office holder shall continue to hold office until resolution of the election is completed by the Town Clerk and the Selectmen, in no case later than June 30 following the annual municipal election.

5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon a majority vote of the Lamoine Town Meeting on May 5, 1995. It shall remain in effect until amended, repealed, or otherwise changed by a properly held Lamoine Town Meeting. This ordinance repeals the referendum approved on March 20, 1987 and recorded in the Town of Lamoine Clerk's book, volume 11 page 169.

Amended March 6, 2002 by a majority vote of the Lamoine Town Meeting to

reflect change of Town Clerk/Tax Collector is an appointed position effective July 1, 2003.

Amended November 2, 2004 by a majority vote of the Lamoine Town Meeting to reflect change to increase the size of the Board of Selectmen to 5 and clarify the staggering of terms beginning in March 2005.

Amended April 8, 2009 by a majority vote of the Lamoine Town Meeting to reflect the continuation and dissolution of the Lamoine School Committee and the creation of a director(s) to the Regional School Unit.

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We, the undersigned Selectmen of Lamoine do certify that on May 5, 1995 a majority of the eligible voters of the Town of Lamoine approved a referendum question “Shall an ordinance entitled “Order regarding municipal elections, terms of office, and assumption of officials responsibilities” be enacted”. This order was subsequently amended on March 6, 2002 at the annual Lamoine Town Meeting to reflect that the position of Town Clerk and Tax Collector shall become an appointed position effective July 1, 2003 and that the terms of the 5 member Board of Selectmen are staggered beginning with the election of March 2005. Given under our hands this 9th day of November, 2004.

Perry Fowler

S. Josephine Cooper

Glenn Crawford

The Lamoine Board of Selectmen